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1. On 14 October 1954, a meeting of the directorate (Leitungssitzung)¹ of the Ministry for Machine Construction took place in which the heads of all main administrations and the heads of the [redacted] of the Ministry were present. Helmut Wunderlich, Deputy Minister responsible for Heavy Machine Construction, was also present.
2. The head of the Main Administration for Machine Construction reported that [redacted] several months ago that 173 skilled turners were to be transferred to enterprises under the jurisdiction of the Ministry for Machine Construction. These enterprises included Schumann and Co., Leipzig² and Geraete u. Armaturenwerk "Karl [redacted] Weizburg³. Weiz stated that the enterprises had either not carried out the order or, at best, complied most unsatisfactorily. Most of the main administrative positions responsible for enterprises were [redacted] to the Ministry that no [redacted]
3. Weiz attacked the heads of the other main administrations sharply for their failure to comply with Rau's order and added that this order was of predominant importance and had now to be complied with immediately. In order to point out the importance of the order, he stated that he would give some inkling about its character but only as much as he was allowed to say "in this circle". There upon he stated:

 - a. That Rau's order was the result of a Soviet request of highest priority which by far exceeded the priority assigned to any regular export order.
 - b. The Soviet order concerned the delivery to the USSR of a number of high pressure fittings (Hochdruckarmaturen), which were able to resist temperatures up to 600 centigrades. These fittings were to be produced by the two above-mentioned firms and the turners were to be transferred there for expedition of the Soviet order.
 - c. The fittings were to be delivered to the USSR by the end of November 1954.

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4. It was decided at this meeting that the Main Administrations concerned were to make available the needed turners for transfer to the two above-mentioned firms by 16 October 1954, i.e. two days after the meeting.



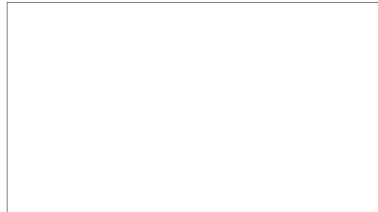
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2. An SAG enterprise until 31 December 1953; now under the jurisdiction of the Main Administration for Light Machine Construction in the Ministry for Machine Construction.
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